The RRT as advanced practitioner Proposal

I will be doing my research project on the new career option for Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT). The new profession for advancements for RRT’s is called The Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapist (APRT). I choose to do this topic because I am interested in learning more about what it actually is since I am looking for more career opportunities in my future field as a Registered Respiratory Therapist. I also want to share the knowledge I get out of this research project with fellow classmates and RRT’s because this is such a new option to everyone in the field they may not know about it or may not know enough information. I want to be able to explain in very great detail that there is a new future ahead of us to be able to grow in this field.

My goals for this project is to give as much detail as possible because this is not just for me but for others to learn to. My questions I intend on answering throughout this paper are based on who, what, when, and how. So, the most important question will be what is exactly The Advance Respiratory Therapist (APRT)? What are the job responsibilities of an APRT? How can this advancement opportunity help one grow as a Respiratory therapist? Is this career change different than what one does now as an RRT? Who can become an APRT? Where are the schools that offer this program? Is it offered online or is it in a classroom? What are the requirements for the program? How long is the program? What are the courses for this program? Can you apply any time during the year or only one time a year? Is there only one start time a year or multiple? Is there a specific option for adults or pediatric care? Can you do both or only one?

After asking these questions in my paper I would then go on to the next set of questions. Since this is so new I want to gather information about the career its self after the schooling. So, say one graduates from this program is there a license for it yet and is there some kind of requirement to get them such as a test? Is the license to practice under a doctor? Are there any jobs out there for this position and is it offered in other states? Can you work in multiple settings? Is this a career for only hospitals or could you land a job in a medical office? Is the pay different than an RRT? What is the future outlook of this new career?

Overall, I want to have a clear understanding of this new advancement because my future goal is to possibly become an APRT. I think it is awesome that Respiratory is expanding into better opportunities for this field and for those who are looking to advance up the ladder. I hope to share my research with others that are wanting to advance in this career.